

Joint Statement

RACS AND GESA sign Memorandum of Understanding to enhance colonoscopy services

The Gastroenterological Society of Australia (GESA) and the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS) are delighted to announce they have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in relation to RACS' involvement in the GESA Recertification in Colonoscopy Program (RCP). The RCP was established by GESA in 2016.

The MoU outlines a commitment from both parties to formalise the representation of RACS on the RCP Committee and to contribute to the determination of standards for colonoscopy recertification.

In a joint statement GESA Vice-President Professor Benedict Devereaux and RACS Councillor Professor Andrew Hill said that the MoU was an important development in ensuring all Australians have access to colonoscopy services that are performed to the highest standard.

“The RCP is an important program that sets critical benchmarks for the delivery of colonoscopy services. The MoU indicates a commitment to ways in which we can work together for endoscopists to improve the delivery of high-quality colonoscopy services across Australia.”

“GESA and RACS have a shared interest in ensuring that we deliver the best possible outcomes to our patients, and that is what is at the heart of this agreement. Our focus is on providing Australians with the certainty that they are undergoing colonoscopies performed by high quality, certified endoscopists whether they reside in metropolitan or regional centres.”

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Members of the GESA Colonoscopy Recertification Program Committee are as follows:

Doctor Mark Schoeman-	Committee Chairman & Gastroenterologist
Dr. Melissa Jennings-	Gastroenterologist
A/Prof Peter Katelaris-	Gastroenterologist
Mr. Brian Kirkby-	General Surgeon
Dr. David Scott-	Gastroenterologist
Mr. Iain Skinner-	Colorectal Surgeon